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Background for New Farm Legislation

Basic Mechanisms of U.S. Farm Policy

*For Novices and Experts Both —
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Basic Mechanisms of U.S. Farm Policy demystifies and clarifies farm legislation and the programs spawned by it. It describes in plain English the key concepts of how U.S. farm policy works and takes you step by step through the major programs.

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SOME BASIC MECHANISMS OF U.S. FARM POLICY

Target Price	Projected Deficiency
Loan (Nonrecourse loan) Rate	Advance Deficiency
Deficiency Payment	Base Acres & Program Yield
Original Deficiency	0-92 & 50-92
Reduced (Findley) Loan Rate	Commodity Certificate
Emergency Compensation	Posted County Price (PCP)
Acreage Reduction Program (ARP)	PIK and Roll
Paid Diversion	Export Enhancement
Base Acres	Farmer-Owned Reserve (FOR)
Program Yield	Corn (& Wheat) Catalog
Program Production	Reserve Rollover
Basic Commodities	Conservation Reserve Program
Acreage Conservation Reserve	Disaster Payment

Part one of this report concentrates on the left side of this list, and Part two covers the seven mechanisms at the top right.

Part three covers the remaining seven mechanisms on this list.

A sampling of what's in "Basic Mechanisms of U.S. Farm Policy."

Commodity Background Papers

Congress will soon consider new farm legislation to replace the expiring Food Security Act of 1985. The following series of background papers summarize in a nontechnical form the experience with various farm programs and the key characteristics of the commodities and the farm industries which produce them.

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Sugar: Background for 1990 Farm Legislation, by Robert Barry. 96 pp. February 1990.

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Honey: Background for 1990 Farm Legislation, by Frederic L. Hoff and Jane K. Phillips. 42 pp. September 1989.

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Wheat: Background for 1990 Farm Legislation, by Joy L. Harwood and C. Edwin Young. 88 pp. October 1989.

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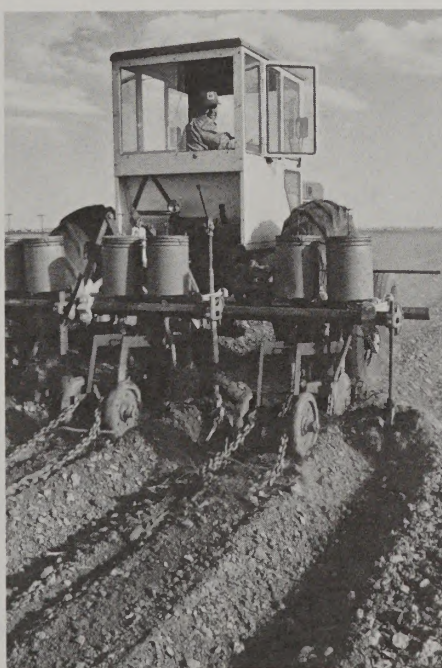
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Cotton: Background for 1990 Farm Legislation, by Harold Stults, Edward H. Glade, Jr., Scott Sanford, and Leslie A. Meyer. 82 pp. September 1989.

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National Food Review looks at all the issues surrounding these important commodity programs: wheat, rice, corn and sorghum, barley, oats, cotton, soybeans, peanuts, dairy, wool and mohair, sugar, honey, tobacco, and fruit and vegetable marketing orders.

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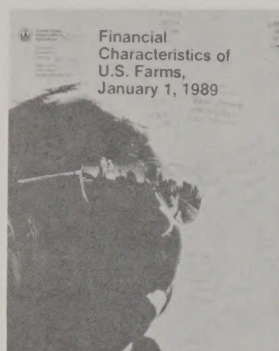
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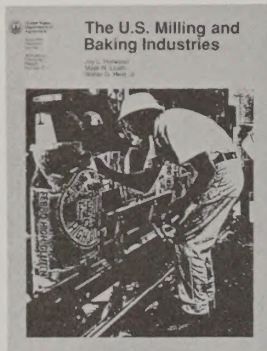
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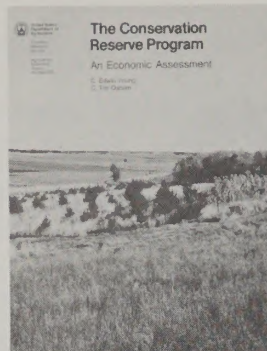
Describes the milling and baking industries' structure, conduct, and performance, and examines current trends. Per capita flour consumption reached 128 pounds in 1987, the highest mark since the 1950's and 4 pounds over the 1986 level. This increase was met by increased output per plant and improved production and distribution efficiency. **Order # AER-611. \$8.00.**

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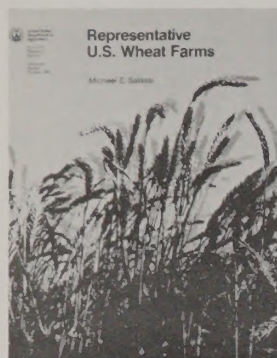
Involuntary Exits From Farming: Evidence From Four Studies, by Susan E. Bentley and others. 16 pp. November 1989.

Analyzes four case studies of farm exit in southwestern Wisconsin, Texas, North Dakota, and Dodge County, Georgia, conducted mainly during the early 1980's. On average, farmers who were forced out of farming under financial stress had significantly higher household incomes after exit than those earned from farming. **Order # AER-625. \$3.00.**

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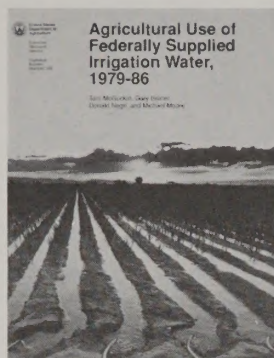
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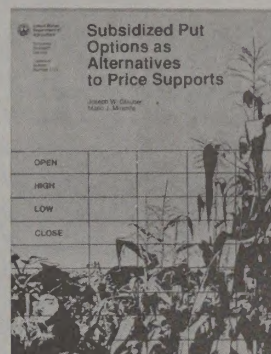
The data in this report are also available on diskette. See "Agricultural Water Use," # 90001, on page 14 of this catalog.

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Looks at how farmers might use futures and options markets, the price stability and income protection attainable through such use, and the Federal budgetary impact of such participation. Finds that farmers can expand their pricing alternatives but cannot as a group raise the average prices they receive by forward pricing with futures, options, or cash forward contracts. **Order # AGES-9003. \$8.00.**

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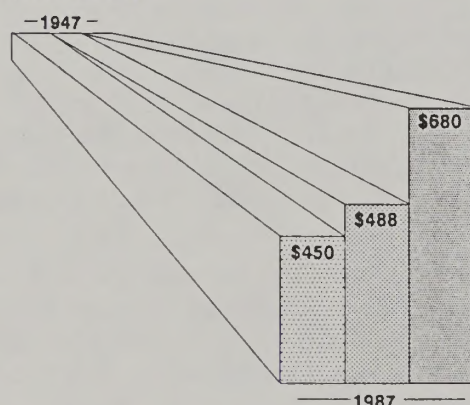
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Land values
(1982 \$/acre)



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Land value per acre (1987).

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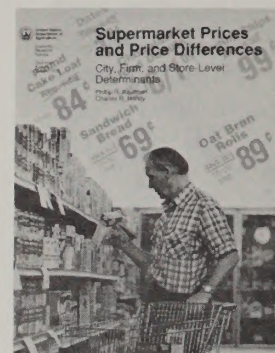


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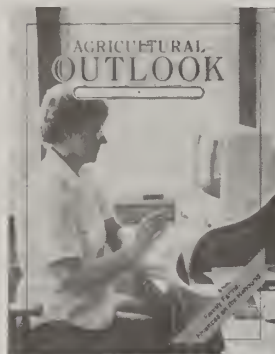
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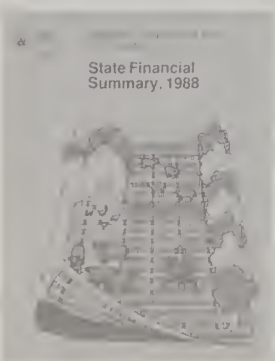
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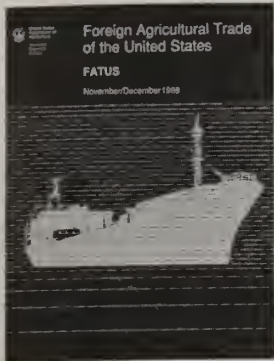
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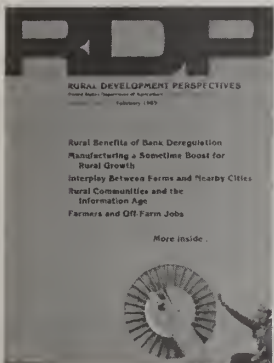
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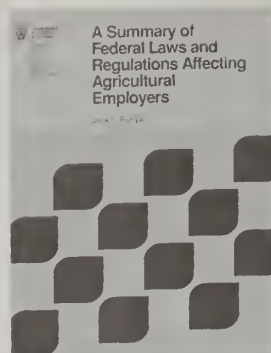
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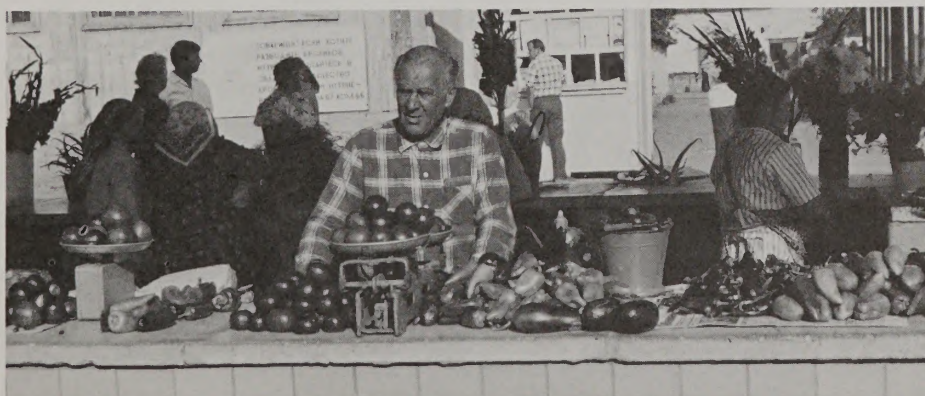
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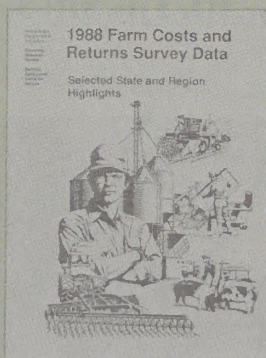
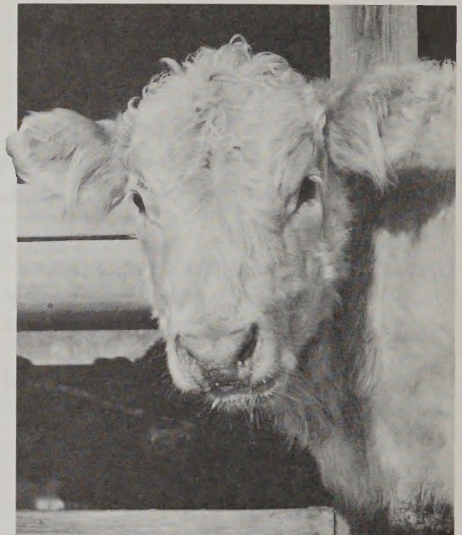
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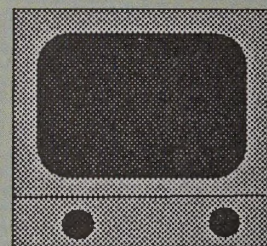
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